

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Amos, Ext.

In re Application of:

Larry L. Hood

Application No.: 09/819,561

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL ACUITY BY THERMAL MEANS

Examiner: David M. Ruddy

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231-9998

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the aboveentitled application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 32 and 36 as follows:

(Amended)

A medical system that can denature a cornea, comprising:

an energy device that can direct energy to a focal point within the cornea at a power

level to denature corneal tissue; and,

a movement device that moves the focal point of the energy.